

**Granite Lake Watershed Association**  
**2219 Kimball Ave NW**  
**Annandale, MN 55302**  
[www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake)

**Officers:**

Scott Quiggle-Pres.                      Paula Mackie-Secretary  
Sheryl Hagstrom-Treasurer         Ray Rau-Lake Plan Coordinator  
Tim Waldschmidt-Past Pres.

**Shoreline Representatives:**

Laura Jones, Corinne White, Sharri Rau, Bonnie Hammer, Paula Mackie, and Phyllis Mattson

**Webmaster:** Gretchen Quiggle

**June 2008 Newsletter.**

**Mark your calendar!**

Lake Monitoring	Jul	20	2:00	Meet @ Waldschmidt's dock
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Boat Parade	Jul	4	12 Noon	Meet @ SE Corner of Lake
<b>Association Picnic</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Mattson's 2516 Cty Rd 5 NW</b>

**Greetings!**

Sorry for being a little late getting out the newsletter but it seems as though everything is backed up this year. Even the Curly Leaf Pondweed is late but we're seeing it now.

**Annual Meeting, April 26:**

We had a near-record attendance at the annual meeting, proof that a rainy day usually ensures a great turn out. Thanks to all those who attended and participated. We also want to recognize Jerry Jones for placing all the A-frames reminding everyone of the meeting. Gretchen will be posting a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the web site. Thanks Gretch!

We want to welcome Paula Mackie as our new Secretary, and thank Sheryl Hagstrom for staying on as Treasurer. Unfortunately, we did not fill the office of VP. We also want to thank the shoreline reps, and a special thanks to Ray Rau for the countless amount of work he does. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Phyl & Merle Mattson for the stellar job they did with the Westside project. When you're out on a boat ride, take a look, and you'll see the results of their efforts.

Deanna Hedman won the ice-out contest, and Pete Pesheck won the handmade fishing net door-prize/raffle. The net was made and donated by Scott Quiggle with \$75 proceeds going to the Annandale Food Shelf.

Ray Rau gave a review of Lake Water Quality for 2007 and Westside Project.

Laura Jones reviewed the Loons portable nesting platform in Lampi Bay and asks members to report to her information on Loons and Redneck Grebe.

Laura Jones gave an overview of the Let's go Fishing program for Sr. Citizens that is available in Wright County. She also handed out information on the program and provided the following link, <http://www.ci.buffalo.mn.us/Community/Lets%20Go%20Fishing%20With%20Seniors.pdf> for additional information.

Presentation: Deputy Joel Mackereth, Wright County Sheriff's Dept. Joel gave a very informative talk on water safety, off highway vehicles, and reviewed the rules and regulations for both. Handouts were provided to review on your own after the meeting. Joel talked about the number of water patrol officers in Wright County and the plans for the future. Joel also reviewed a couple of keys rules and ordinances that he thought the association members should be aware of.

- Wright County ordinance requires a mirror and spotter in boat during the weekends and Holidays for waterskiing.
- A permit maybe obtained to mark off a swimming area.
- All things not attached to the shoreline require a yearly permit from the Sheriff's office.

**Tree Planting:**

Trees were planted in the field across from Kraft on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Rau Rau, Bob White, Jerry Jones, Dave Hagstrom, and Tim Waldschmidt masterfully handled the shovels. Thanks for taking the time!

**Albion Township Clean-up day:**

While this is a township project, the Granite Lake Association was well represented on June 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, Sharri Rau did a superb job chairing the event. We also want to thank the following Lake Association members for volunteering their time: Rau Rau, Pete & Lorrie Pesheck, Lucinda Ogden, Bonnie Hammer, Bob White, Mary Holmgren, Jean Peterson, and Tim & Ann Waldschmidt. I also understand that Bob Henry and Jerry Jones did some preliminary work removing junk from the ditches a few days before.

**Next Project:**

Soil & Water has made two site surveys on Kimball Ave since our annual meeting. The proposal may divert most of the water away from the ravine into a retention pond. While we are in preliminary stages and nothing is ever final until all stakeholders are in agreement, we're optimistic, but remain patient once again.

**Website:**

We'll be updating the website so check it out: [www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake).

**Lake Monitoring:**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month thru September. Please contact Tim Waldschmidt (320-963-6651) if you are interested. The sampling only takes about 20 minutes. Thanks to Ray Rau, Jerry Jones, and Pete Pesheck for helping out.

We had a secchi disk (water clarity) reading of 6' for both May and June. For June compared to previous years: 5' (07), 3.5' (08), 20' (05), 4' (04), 3.5' (03), and 10' (02). See complete monitoring results on: [www.rmbel.com](http://www.rmbel.com)

**Trees from SWCD:**

By this time we should have a couple hundred more trees and shrubs planted around Granite Lake. Donations were received for \$75 from members. Thanks to Ray for getting the trees and all the members who donated!

**Protect your shoreline:**

During the spring a large amount of vegetation (cattail) left the island and blew around the lake. Thanks to Bob White, Don Sundberg, and Dave Sturgeon for spending many hours taking it back where it came from. Thanks to Mother Nature, we now have many stands of cattail around the lake, which creates a wonderful buffer to prevent shoreline erosion. Gary Poe roped a bunch for his shoreline. We hope they take hold.

**Curly leaf pondweed:**

As a reminder, please remove the curly-leaf from the water when it dies off. We can all do our part. .

**Association Picnic:**

This year's picnic will be hosted by Phyl & Merle Mattson (2516 County Road 5 NW). We'll start by showing the results of the Westside project followed by a short meeting (15 min). Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. This is a great time to catch up on the latest around the lake. We look forward to seeing you @ 11:30. Rain or shine!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade:**

We're going back to tradition and having the parade at 12 noon. Last year we started a little later to let those folks go to both Annandale Parade and the Granite Lake Boat Parade, but this year the membership decided to go back to the long-standing boat parade. After all, it's tradition and we felt we needed to respect this. Sorry, but we can't please everyone.

**Thanks to all those who have paid their 2008 dues: \$40.**

Mary Andersohn, Bill & Carla Bellows (\$50), Phil & Shirley Gerlach, Jill & Gary Grindle, Marlene & Marlin Hecksel, Brian & Deanna Hedman, Bob & Vivian Henry, Laura & Jerry Jones (\$50), Van & Paula Mackie (\$50), Cindy & Neal Maikkula (\$50), Phyl & Merle Mattson, Stan & Clarine Meyer, Tom & Lucinda Ogden, Lorrie & Pete Pesheck (\$80), Ray & Sharri Rau, Don & Marge Sundberg, and Tim & Ann Waldschmidt (\$100).

**If you don't see your name on the list for 2008, Please make your check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our Treasurer Sheryl Hagstrom 2131 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.**

**Friends of the Association:**

We will mention in our newsletter and post on our website. If your business would like to be listed, please send us a check for \$100. You'll be helping the Association, and we hope to send some business your way.

**Our business friends are:**

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LITCHFIELD, MN 55355  
(320) 693-7951  
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2391 Kimball Ave NW  
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The law firm of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben  
51st Floor IDS Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
1-800-717-0281 <https://www.schwebel.com/>

**A Quick Note:**

It's been a long, cool, and wet spring, but we're hoping everyone can enjoy some great weather for the remainder of the summer. It's gratifying to see so many of you putting in buffer strips to help filter run-off. As an Association, we try to educate on good practices to follow. Over the past few years we've been fortunate to have representatives from Soil & Water, the DNR, Minnesota Extension Service, and the Sheriff's Department participate at our meetings. We all need to do our part, no matter how trivial it may seem. Keep the grass clippings out of the lake, move the fire pit back to prevent ashes from entering the lake, keep your septic system in proper working order, install rain barrels & rain gardens, don't mow to the waters edge, and only use phosphorous-free fertilizer.

The budget for 2008 is \$8,645 and we have a balance in checking/savings of \$8539.83 so we encourage everyone to get their dues in early. The budget is posted on the website.

Be nice to your neighbor, have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you on the lake. Stay Safe!

Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with comments or questions.

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Thanks to Tim Waldschmidt for once again producing our newsletter!!!!